

Claim

1. A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:
  - 5 an outer, tubular phase which is substantially solid and which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; and
  - an inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end and including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase and extending within the outer phase.
- 10 2. A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:
  - 15 an outer, tubular phase which is substantially solid and which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; and
  - an inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end and including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase;
  - 20 the product obtainable by a process comprising:
    - filling the outer phase into a can;
    - forming a bore into the outer phase for providing a tubular outer phase;
    - filling the inner phase into the bore of the tubular outer phase;
    - sealing the can; and
    - 25 retorting the sealed can.
3. A product according to claim 1 or claim 2 in which the outer phase is a thermally gelled mixture.
- 30 4. A product according to any of claims 1 to 3 in which the inner phase comprises chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy.
5. A product according to any of claims 1 to 4 in which the outer phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product and the inner phase comprises about 25% to about 75% by volume of the product.
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6. A canned pet food product having an upper end and a lower end, the product comprising:

an outer, tubular phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which includes a substantially solid, thermally gelled mixture of

5 carbohydrate and protein; and

an inner phase which extends from the lower end to the upper end and which is in the form of chunks of a formulated emulsion product in a gravy; the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase and extending within the outer phase.

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7. A product according to any of claims 1 to 6 in which the product has a height at least as large as its diameter.

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8. A product according to any of claims 1 to 7 in which the phases each have a moisture content of about 70% to about 85% by weight.

9. A process for producing a canned pet food product, the process comprising:

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filling into a can an outer phase including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein;

forming a bore into the outer phase for providing a tubular outer phase;

filling an inner phase including an edible source of carbohydrate and protein into the bore of the tubular outer phase, the inner phase having an appearance different from the outer phase;

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sealing the can; and

retorting the sealed can.

10. A process according to claim 9 in which the phases each have a viscosity of about 1500 cp to about 3500 cp when filled into the can.

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